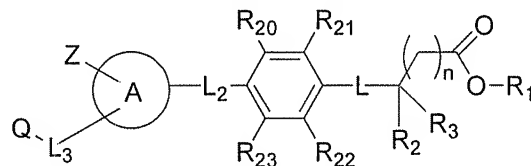


Listing of Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claim 1. (currently amended) A compound of the formula:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein,

n is 0, 1, 2, or 3;

each R₁ is independently H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, or C₃-C₆ alkenyl;

R₂ is phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₄) alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-C(O)NH₂, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-C(O)NH(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-C(O)N(C₁-C₄)alkyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-S(O)_b-(C₁-C₄) alkyl, (C₁-C₄) hydroxyalkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-heterocycloalkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-heteroaryl, wherein the heterocycloalkyl group is optionally fused to a phenyl ring and wherein the heterocycloalkyl portion, the phenyl portion, or both are optionally substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, -SO₂-(C₁-C₄) alkyl, C₁-C₄ haloalkyl, or C₁-C₄ haloalkoxy; wherein b is 0, 1, or 2;

R₃ is H or -CO₂R₁,

R₂₀, R₂₁, R₂₂, and R₂₃ are independently selected from H, arylalkoxy, arylalkyl, halogen, alkyl, OH, alkoxy, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, NH-aryl, -N(C₁-C₄ alkyl)C(O)aryl, -NHC(O)aryl, NHarylalkyl, NHC(O)-(C₁-C₄) alkyl-aryl, N(C₁-C₄ alkyl)C(O)-(C₁-C₄) alkyl-aryl, N(C₁-C₄)alkyl-aryl, -NHSO₂-aryl, -N(C₁-C₄alkyl)SO₂aryl, or -N(C₁-C₄alkyl)arylalkyl, wherein the aryl group is optionally

substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy;

L is -SO₂NH-, -SO₂N(C₁-C₄) alkyl-, -NHSO₂-, -O-, -C(O)NH-, -C(O)N(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -SO₂-, -C(O)-(C₁-C₄) alkyl-, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-C(O)-, -NH-, -N(C₁-C₄) alkyl-, wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted with phenyl, which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂, haloalkyl, or haloalkoxy;

L₂ is a bond or -C(O)NR₉-, -N(R₉)C(O)-, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-C(O)NR₉-, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-N(R₉)C(O)-, -C(O)N(R₉)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -N(R₉)C(O)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-C(O)N(R₉)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-N(R₉)C(O)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -N(R₉)SO₂-, -SO₂N(R₉)-, -N(R₉)-, -N(R₉)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -O-(C₁-C₆)alkyl-, -(C₁-C₆)alkyl-O-, or -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-N(R₉)-,

R₉ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally substituted with CO₂H, -SO₂aryl, arylalkyl, wherein the aryl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, haloalkyl, or haloalkoxy;

L₃ is a bond, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-O-, -O-(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-, -alkenyl-, C(O);

the A ring is phenyl, naphthyl, thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, furanyl, dihydropyrazolyl, benzofuranyl, dibenzofuranyl, pyrimidyl, pyridyl, quinolinyl, naphthyl, quinazolinyl, benzo[b]thiophene, imidazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrrolyl, oxazolyl, triazolyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups that are independently, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl,

haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NO₂, CN, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl;

Q is H, aryl, -aryl-carbonyl-aryl, -aryl-alkyl-aryl, -aryl-heteroaryl, -aryl-heterocycloalkyl, -heteroaryl, -heteroaryl-alkyl-aryl, -heterocycloalkyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, halogen, haloalkoxy, haloalkyl, or alkoxycarbonyl, wherein the aforementioned cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently alkoxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NR₆R₇, or phenyl; wherein R₆ and R₇ are independently H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, aryl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, alkanoyl, arylalkanoyl, alkoxycarbonyl, arylalkoxycarbonyl, heteroarylcarbonyl, heteroaryl, heterocycloalkylcarbonyl, -C(O)NH₂, -C(O)NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, -C(O)N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, or -SO₂-aryl, wherein the cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, NO₂, OH, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, haloalkyl or haloalkoxy, and

Z is ~~absent, H,~~ -NHC(O)aryl, -N(C₁-C₄ alkyl)C(O)aryl, or phenyl, wherein the phenyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, or NO₂, or

Z is -NHC(O)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-(C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl, -N(C₁-C₄)alkylC(O)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-(C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl;

provided that when L2 is a bond, the A ring is not phenyl.

Claim 2. (original) A compound according to claim 1, wherein

R₁ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, benzyl, or allyl;

R₂ is phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₄) alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-C(O)NH₂, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-C(O)NH(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-C(O)N(C₁-C₄)alkyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-S(O)_b-(C₁-C₄) alkyl, (C₁-C₄) hydroxyalkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-pyridinyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-piperidinyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-pyrrolidinyl, or -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-tetrahydrofuranyl, wherein the heterocycloalkyl group is optionally fused to a phenyl ring and wherein the heterocycloalkyl portion, the phenyl portion, or both are optionally substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, -SO₂-(C₁-C₄) alkyl, C₁-C₄ haloalkyl, or C₁-C₄ haloalkoxy; wherein b is 0, 1, or 2;

the A ring is thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, dihydropyrazolyl, benzofuranyl, imidazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrrolyl, oxazolyl, pyrimidyl, or triazolyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups that are independently, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl;

Q is H, phenyl, naphthyl, -phenyl-carbonyl-phenyl, -phenyl -(C₁-C₄)alkyl- phenyl, -phenyl-pyridyl, -phenyl-pyrimidyl, -phenyl-oxazolyl, -phenyl-thiazolyl, -phenyl-imidazolyl, -phenyl-pyrrolyl, -phenyl-piperidinyl, -phenyl-pyrrolidinyl, -phenyl-piperazinyl, -phenyl-morpholinyl, -phenyl-thiomorpholinyl, -phenyl-thiomorpholinyl dioxide, -phenyl-, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, furanyl, thienyl, benzofuranyl, benzothienyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, -pyridyl-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-phenyl, -pyrimidyl-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-phenyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, dibenzofuranyl, thiomorpholinyl dioxide, imidazolidinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydrothienyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, halogen, haloalkoxy, haloalkyl, or C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl, wherein the aforementioned cyclic groups

are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently alkoxy, carbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NR₆R₇, or phenyl; wherein

R₆ and R₇ are independently H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkanoyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkanoyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, carbonyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkoxy, carbonyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, -C(O)NH₂, -C(O)NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, -C(O)N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, or -SO₂-phenyl, wherein the cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, NO₂, OH, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl or C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy, and

Z is -NHC(O)phenyl, -NHC(O)naphthyl, -N(C₁-C₄ alkyl)C(O)phenyl, -N(C₁-C₄ alkyl)C(O)naphthyl, naphthyl, or phenyl, wherein the phenyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl, C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy, or NO₂, or

Z is -NHC(O)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-(C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl, or -N(C₁-C₄)alkylC(O)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-(C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl.

Claim 3. (original) A compound according to claim 2, wherein

L is -SO₂NH-, -SO₂N(C₁-C₄) alkyl-, -NHSO₂-, -O-, -C(O)NH-, -C(O)N(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -SO₂-, -C(O)-(C₁-C₄) alkyl-, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-C(O)-, -NH-, or -N(C₁-C₄) alkyl-, wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted with phenyl, which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl, or C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy;

L₂ is a bond or -C(O)NR₉-, -N(R₉)C(O)-, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-C(O)NR₉-,
-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-N(R₉)C(O)-, -C(O)N(R₉)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -N(R₉)C(O)
-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-C(O)N(R₉)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -(C₁-
C₄)alkyl-N(R₉)C(O)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -N(R₉)SO₂-, -SO₂N(R₉)-,
-N(R₉)-, -N(R₉)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -O-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -(C₁-
C₄)alkyl-O-, or -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-N(R₉)-,

R₉ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, -SO₂phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl,
naphthyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl, anthracenyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl, wherein
the phenyl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2,
3, or 4 groups that are independently C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-
C₄ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-
C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl, or C₁-C₂
haloalkoxy;

L₃ is a bond, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-O-, -O-(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-, -
C(O)-; and

R₂₀, R₂₁, R₂₂, and R₂₃ are independently selected from H,
phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkoxy, phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl, halogen, alkyl, OH,
alkoxy, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl,
NH-phenyl, -NHC(O)-(C₁-C₄) alkyl-phenyl, -N(C₁-C₄ alkyl)C(O)-
(C₁-C₄) alkyl-phenyl, N(C₁-C₄)alkyl-phenyl, -NHSO₂-phenyl, -
N(C₁-C₄alkyl)SO₂phenyl, NHbenzyl, or -N(C₁-C₆)alkylbenzyl,
wherein the phenyl and naphthyl groups are optionally
substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are
independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂,
C₁-C₂ haloalkyl, or C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy.

Claim 4. (original) A compound according to claim 3,
wherein

L is -SO₂NH-, -SO₂N(C₁-C₄) alkyl-, -C(O)NH-, -C(O)N(C₁-C₄)alkyl-,
-NH-, or -N(C₁-C₄) alkyl-, wherein the alkyl group is
optionally substituted with phenyl, which is optionally
substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are

independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl, or C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy;

L₂ is a bond or -C(O)NR₉-, -N(R₉)C(O)-, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-C(O)NR₉-, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-N(R₉)C(O)-, -C(O)N(R₉)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -N(R₉)C(O)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -N(R₉)SO₂-, -SO₂N(R₉)-, -N(R₉)-, -N(R₉)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -O-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-O-, or -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-N(R₉)-,

R₉ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, -SO₂phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl, wherein the phenyl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl, or C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy;

L₃ is a bond, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-O-, -O-(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-, -C(O)-;

R₁ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, benzyl or allyl;

R₂ is phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₄) alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-C(O)NH₂, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-C(O)NH(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-C(O)N(C₁-C₄)alkyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-S(O)_b-(C₁-C₄)alkyl, (C₁-C₄) hydroxyalkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-piperidinyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-pyrrolidinyl, wherein the heterocycloalkyl group is optionally fused to a phenyl ring and wherein the heterocycloalkyl portion, the phenyl portion, or both are optionally substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, -SO₂-(C₁-C₄) alkyl, C₁-C₄ haloalkyl, or C₁-C₄ haloalkoxy; wherein b is 0, 1, or 2;

R₃ is H;

R₂₀, R₂₁, R₂₂, and R₂₃ are independently selected from H, phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkoxy, phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl, halogen, alkyl, OH, alkoxy, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, NH-phenyl, N(C₁-C₄)alkyl-phenyl, NHbenzyl, or -N(C₁-

C₆)alkylbenzyl, wherein the phenyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl, or C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy;

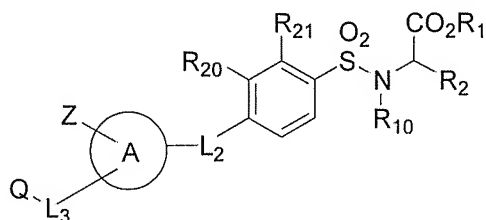
the A ring is thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, dihydropyrazolyl, benzofuranyl, imidazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrrolyl, oxazolyl, pyrimidyl, or triazolyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1, or 2 groups that are independently, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl;

Q is H, phenyl, naphthyl, -phenyl-carbonyl-phenyl, -phenyl -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-phenyl, -phenyl-pyridyl, -phenyl-pyrimidyl, -phenyl-pyrrolyl, -phenyl-piperidinyl, -phenyl-pyrrolidinyl, -phenyl-piperazinyl, -phenyl-, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, furanyl, thienyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, -pyridyl-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-phenyl, imidazolidinyl, dibenzofuranyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydrothienyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, halogen, C₁-C₄ haloalkoxy, C₁-C₄ haloalkyl, or C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl, wherein the aforementioned cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently alkoxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, C₁-C₄ haloalkyl, C₁-C₄ haloalkoxy, NR₆R₇, or phenyl; wherein R₆ and R₇ are independently H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkanoyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkanoyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl, pyridylcarbonyl, or -SO₂-phenyl, wherein the cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, NO₂, OH, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl or C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy, and

Z is -NHC(O)phenyl, -NHC(O)naphthyl, -N(C₁-C₄ alkyl)C(O)phenyl, -N(C₁-C₄ alkyl)C(O)naphthyl, naphthyl, or phenyl, wherein the phenyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl, C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy, or NO₂, or

Z is -NHC(O)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-(C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl, or -N(C₁-C₄)alkylC(O)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-(C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl.

Claim 5. (original) A compound according to claim 4 of the formula



wherein,

R₁ is H, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or benzyl;

R₂ is phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₄) alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-piperidinyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-pyrrolidinyl, wherein the heterocycloalkyl group is optionally fused to a phenyl ring and wherein the heterocycloalkyl portion, the phenyl portion, or both are optionally substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, -SO₂-(C₁-C₄) alkyl, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl, or C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy;

R₁₀ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted with phenyl, which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl, or C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy; and

R₂₀, and R₂₁, are independently selected from H, benzyloxy, benzyl, halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, OH, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, NO₂, NH₂,

NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, NH-phenyl, N(C₁-C₄)alkyl-phenyl, NHbenzyl, or -N(C₁-C₆)alkylbenzyl, wherein the phenyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl, or C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy.

Claim 6. (original) A compound according to claim 5, wherein

L₂ is a bond or -C(O)NR₉-, -N(R₉)C(O)-, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-C(O)NR₉-, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-N(R₉)C(O)-, -N(R₉)SO₂-, -SO₂N(R₉)-, -N(R₉)-, -N(R₉)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, or -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-N(R₉)-,

R₉ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, -SO₂phenyl, benzyl, phenethyl, naphthyl-CH₂-, anthracenyl-CH₂-, wherein the phenyl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl, or C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy;

L₃ is a bond, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-O-, -O-(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-, -C(O)-;

the A ring is thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, dihydropyrazolyl, benzofuranyl, imidazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrrolyl, pyrimidyl, or oxazolyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1, or 2 groups that are independently, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl;

Q is H, phenyl, naphthyl, -phenyl-carbonyl-phenyl, -phenyl-pyridyl, -phenyl-piperidinyl, -phenyl-pyrrolidinyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, furanyl, thienyl, piperidinyl, dibenzofuranyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, halogen, C₁-C₄ haloalkoxy, C₁-C₄ haloalkyl, or C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl, wherein the aforementioned cyclic groups

are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently alkoxy, carbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, C₁-C₄ haloalkyl, C₁-C₄ haloalkoxy, or NR₆R₇; wherein

R₆ and R₇ are independently H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkanoyl, phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkanoyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, carbonyl, phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkoxy, carbonyl, pyridyl, or -SO₂-phenyl, wherein the cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, NO₂, OH, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, CF₃, or OCF₃, and

Z is -NHC(O)phenyl, -NHC(O)naphthyl, -N(C₁-C₄ alkyl)C(O)phenyl, -N(C₁-C₄ alkyl)C(O)naphthyl, naphthyl, or phenyl, wherein the phenyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl, C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy, or NO₂, or
Z is -NHC(O)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-(C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl, or -N(C₁-C₄)alkylC(O)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-(C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl.

Claim 7. (original) A compound according to claim 6, wherein

R₁ is H, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or benzyl;

R₂ is phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₄) alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, wherein the phenyl portion, or both are optionally substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, -SO₂-(C₁-C₄) alkyl, CF₃, or OCF₃;

R₁₀ is H, C₁-C₄ alkyl, wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted with phenyl, which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl, or C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy; and

R_{20} , and R_{21} , are independently selected from H, halogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, OH, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, NO_2 , NH_2 , $NH(C_1-C_6)alkyl$, or $N(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl$,

L_2 is a bond or $-C(O)NR_9-$, $-N(R_9)C(O)-$, $-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-C(O)NR_9-$, $-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-N(R_9)C(O)-$, $-N(R_9)SO_2-$, $-SO_2N(R_9)-$, $-N(R_9)-$, $-N(R_9)-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-$, or $-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-N(R_9)-$,

R_9 is H, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, $-SO_2phenyl$, benzyl, phenethyl, wherein the phenyl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO_2 , NH_2 , $NH(C_1-C_6)alkyl$, $N(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl$, CF_3 , or OCF_3 ;

L_3 is a bond, $-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-O-$, $-O-(C_1-C_4)alkyl$, $-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-$, or $-C(O)-$;

the A ring is thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, dihydropyrazolyl, benzofuranyl, imidazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrrolyl, pyrimidyl, or oxazolyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1, or 2 groups that are independently, halogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NO_2 , NH_2 , $NH(C_1-C_6)alkyl$, $N(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl$;

Q is H, phenyl, naphthyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, furanyl, thienyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, halogen, C_1 - C_2 haloalkoxy, C_1 - C_2 haloalkyl, or C_1 - C_6 alkoxycarbonyl, wherein the aforementioned cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently alkoxycarbonyl, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, halogen, C_1 - C_4 haloalkyl, C_1 - C_4 haloalkoxy, or NR_6R_7 ; wherein

R_6 and R_7 are independently H, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, phenyl(C_1 - C_4)alkyl, C_2 - C_6 alkanoyl, phenyl(C_1 - C_4)alkanoyl, wherein the phenyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C_1 - C_4

alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, NO₂, OH, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, CF₃, or OCF₃, and

Z is -NHC(O)phenyl, -N(C₁-C₄ alkyl)C(O)phenyl, or phenyl, wherein the phenyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl, C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy, or NO₂, or

Z is -NHC(O)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-(C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl, or -N(C₁-C₄)alkylC(O)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-(C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl.

Claim 8. (original) A compound according to claim 7, wherein

R₁ is H, or C₁-C₄ alkyl;

R₂ is phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₄) alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, wherein the phenyl portion, or both are optionally substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, or -SO₂-(C₁-C₄) alkyl;

R₁₀ is H, C₁-C₄ alkyl, wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted with phenyl, which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂, CF₃, or OCF₃; and

At least one of R₂₀ and R₂₁, is H, while the other is H, halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, OH, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, or N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl,

L₂ is a bond or -C(O)NR₉-, -N(R₉)C(O)-, -N(R₉)SO₂-, -SO₂N(R₉)-, -N(R₉)-, -N(R₉)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, or -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-N(R₉)-,

R₉ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, -SO₂phenyl, benzyl, phenethyl, wherein the phenyl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, CF₃, or OCF₃;

L₃ is a bond, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-O-, -O-(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-, or -C(O)-;

the A ring is thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, dihydropyrazolyl, benzofuranyl, imidazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrrolyl, pyrimidyl, or oxazolyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1, or 2 groups that are independently, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl;

Q is H, phenyl, naphthyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, furanyl, thienyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, or piperazinyl each of which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently alkoxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, CF₃, OCF₃, or NR₆R₇; wherein

R₆ and R₇ are independently H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkanoyl, phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkanoyl, wherein the phenyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, NO₂, OH, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, CF₃, or OCF₃, and

Z is -NHC(O)phenyl, -N(C₁-C₄ alkyl)C(O)phenyl, or phenyl, wherein the phenyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl, C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy, or NO₂, or

Z is -NHC(O)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-(C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl, or -N(C₁-C₄)alkylC(O)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-(C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl.

Claim 9. (original) A compound according to claim 8, wherein

L₂ is a bond;

R₂ is phenyl, benzyl, phenethyl, or C₁-C₆ alkyl, wherein the phenyl portion is optionally substituted with a total of 1,

2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, or -SO₂-(C₁-C₄) alkyl;

Q is phenyl, or pyridyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, CF₃, OCF₃, or NR₆R₇; wherein

R₆ and R₇ are independently H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkanoyl, phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkanoyl, wherein the phenyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, NO₂, OH, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, CF₃, or OCF₃, and

Z is phenyl, which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl, C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy, or NO₂.

Claim 10. (original) A compound according to claim 1, wherein

n is 0, 1, 2, or 3;

R₁ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, or C₃-C₆ alkenyl;

R₂ is phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₄) alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-C(O)NH₂, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-C(O)NH(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-C(O)N(C₁-C₄)alkyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-S(O)_b-(C₁-C₄) alkyl, (C₁-C₄) hydroxyalkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-pyridinyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-piperidinyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-pyrrolidinyl, or -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-tetrahydrofuranyl, wherein the heterocycloalkyl group is optionally fused to a phenyl ring and wherein the heterocycloalkyl portion, the phenyl portion, or both are optionally substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, -SO₂-(C₁-C₄) alkyl, C₁-C₄ haloalkyl, or C₁-C₄ haloalkoxy; wherein b is 0, 1, or 2;

R₃ is H or -CO₂R₁,

R₂₀, R₂₁, R₂₂, and R₂₃ are independently selected from H, phenylalkoxy, phenylalkyl, halogen, alkyl, OH, alkoxy, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, NH-phenyl, -N(C₁-C₄ alkyl)C(O)phenyl, -NHC(O)phenyl, NHphenylalkyl, NHC(O)-(C₁-C₄) alkyl-phenyl, N(C₁-C₄ alkyl)C(O)-(C₁-C₄) alkyl-phenyl, N(C₁-C₄)alkyl-phenyl, -NHSO₂-phenyl, -N(C₁-C₄alkyl)SO₂phenyl, or -N(C₁-C₄alkyl)phenylalkyl, wherein the phenyl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy; and

L is -SO₂NH-, -SO₂N(C₁-C₄) alkyl-, -NHSO₂-, -O-, -C(O)NH-, -C(O)N(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -SO₂-, -C(O)-(C₁-C₄) alkyl-, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-C(O)-, -NH-, -N(C₁-C₄) alkyl-, wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted with phenyl, which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂, haloalkyl, or haloalkoxy.

Claim 11. (currently amended) A compound according to claim 10, wherein

L₂ is a bond or -C(O)NR₉-, -N(R₉)C(O)-, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-C(O)NR₉-, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-N(R₉)C(O)-, -C(O)N(R₉)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -N(R₉)C(O)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-C(O)N(R₉)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-N(R₉)C(O)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -N(R₉)SO₂-, -SO₂N(R₉)-, -N(R₉)-, -N(R₉)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -O-(C₁-C₆)alkyl-, -(C₁-C₆)alkyl-O-, or -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-N(R₉)-,

R₉ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally substituted with CO₂H, -SO₂phenyl, phenylalkyl, naphthylalkyl, or anthracenylalkyl, wherein the aryl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, halogen, OH,

NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl,
haloalkyl, or haloalkoxy;

L₃ is absent, a bond, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-O-, -O-(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -(C₁-C₄)
alkyl-, -alkenyl-, C(O);

the A ring is phenyl, naphthyl, thiazolyl, pyrazolyl,
quinolinyl, dihydropyrazolyl, benzofuranyl, dibenzofuranyl,
pyrimidyl, naphthyl, quinazolinyl, benzo[b]thiophene,
imidazolyl, furanyl, isothiazolyl, pyrrolyl, oxazolyl,
triazolyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1,
2, or 3 groups that are independently, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl,
C₁-C₄ alkoxy, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy,
NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, or N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl;

Q is H, phenyl, naphthyl, -phenyl-carbonyl-phenyl, -phenyl -(C₁-
C₄)alkyl- phenyl, -phenyl-pyridyl, -phenyl-pyrimidyl, -
phenyl-oxazolyl, -phenyl-thiazolyl, -phenyl-imidazolyl,
-phenyl-pyrrolyl, -phenyl-piperidinyl, -phenyl-
pyrrolidinyl, -phenyl-piperazinyl, -phenyl-morpholinyl,
-phenyl-thiomorpholinyl, -phenyl-thiomorpholinyl dioxide,
-phenyl-, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, furanyl, thienyl, pyrrolyl,
imidazolyl, -pyridyl-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-phenyl, -pyrimidyl-(C₁-
C₄)alkyl-phenyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl,
thiomorpholinyl dioxide, imidazolidinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl,
tetrahydrothienyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl,
C₁-C₆ alkyl, halogen, haloalkoxy, haloalkyl, or C₁-C₆
alkoxycarbonyl, wherein the aforementioned cyclic groups
are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups
that are independently alkoxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆
alkoxy, halogen, C₁-C₄ haloalkyl, C₁-C₄ haloalkoxy, NR₆R₇, or
phenyl; wherein

R₆ and R₇ are independently H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, phenyl(C₁-
C₆)alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkanoyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkanoyl, C₁-C₆
alkoxycarbonyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkoxycarbonyl,

pyridylcarbonyl, furanylcabonyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, piperidinylcarbonyl, pyrrolidinylcarbonyl, -C(O)NH₂, -C(O)NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, -C(O)N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, or -SO₂-phenyl, wherein the cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, NO₂, OH, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl or C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy, and

Z is ~~absent, H,~~ -NHC(O)phenyl, -N(C₁-C₄ alkyl)C(O)phenyl, or phenyl, wherein the phenyl groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, C₁-C₄ haloalkyl, C₁-C₄ haloalkoxy, or NO₂.

Claim 12. (currently amended) A compound according to claim 11, wherein

R₂₀, R₂₁, R₂₂, and R₂₃ are independently selected from H, phenylalkoxy, benzyl, phenethyl, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, OH, alkoxy, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, NH-phenyl, NHphenylalkyl, N(C₁-C₄)alkyl-phenyl, -NHSO₂-phenyl, -N(C₁-C₄alkyl)SO₂phenyl, or -N(C₁-C₄alkyl)phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, wherein the phenyl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy;

L is -SO₂NH-, -SO₂N(C₁-C₄) alkyl-, -NHSO₂-, -O-, -C(O)NH-, -C(O)N(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -SO₂-, -C(O)-(C₁-C₄) alkyl-, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-C(O)-, -NH-, -N(C₁-C₄) alkyl-, wherein the alkyl group is optionally substituted with phenyl, which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂, haloalkyl, or haloalkoxy; or

L₂ is a bond or -C(O)NR₉-, -N(R₉)C(O)-, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-C(O)NR₉-, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-N(R₉)C(O)-, -C(O)N(R₉)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -N(R₉)C(O)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -N(R₉)SO₂-, -SO₂N(R₉)-, -N(R₉)-, -N(R₉)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -O-(C₁-C₆)alkyl-, -(C₁-C₆)alkyl-O-, or -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-N(R₉)-,

R₉ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, -SO₂phenyl, phenylalkyl, naphthylalkyl, or anthracenylalkyl, wherein the aryl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, haloalkyl, or haloalkoxy;

L₃ is absent, a bond, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-O-, -O-(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, -alkenyl-, C(O);

R₁ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, or C₃-C₆ alkenyl;

R₂ is phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-pyridinyl, (C₁-C₄)hydroxyalkyl, wherein the phenyl ring is optionally substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, -SO₂-(C₁-C₄)alkyl, C₁-C₄ haloalkyl, or C₁-C₄ haloalkoxy;

the A ring is phenyl, naphthyl, thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, dihydropyrazolyl, benzofuranyl, dibenzofuranyl, pyrimidyl, naphthyl, quinazolinyl, benzo[b]thiophene, imidazolyl, isothiazolyl, or pyrrolyl, each of which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups that are independently, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, or N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl;

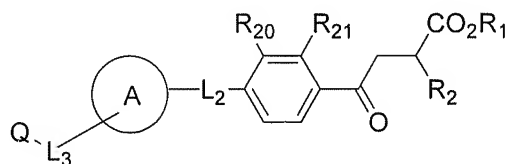
Q is H, phenyl, naphthyl, -phenyl-carbonyl-phenyl, -phenyl-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-phenyl, -phenyl-pyridyl, -phenyl-pyrimidyl, -phenyl-imidazolyl, -phenyl-pyrrolyl, -phenyl-piperazinyl, -phenyl-morpholinyl, -phenyl-thiomorpholinyl dioxide, -phenyl-, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, furanyl, thienyl, pyrrolyl,

imidazolyl, -pyridyl-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-phenyl, -pyrimidyl-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-phenyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl dioxide, imidazolidinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydrothienyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, halogen, haloalkoxy, haloalkyl, or C₁-C₆ alkoxy, wherein the aforementioned cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently alkoxy, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, C₁-C₄ haloalkyl, C₁-C₄ haloalkoxy, NR₆R₇, or phenyl; wherein

R₆ and R₇ are independently H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkanoyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkanoyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkoxy, pyridylcarbonyl, furanylcarbonyl, piperidinylcarbonyl, pyrrolidinylcarbonyl, -C(O)NH₂, -C(O)NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, -C(O)N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, or -SO₂-phenyl, wherein the cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, NO₂, OH, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl or C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy, and

Z is ~~absent, H, or~~ phenyl, wherein the phenyl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, C₁-C₄ haloalkyl, C₁-C₄ haloalkoxy, or NO₂.

Claim 13. (original) A compound according to claim 12, of the formula



wherein

R₁ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, benzyl, or allyl;

R₂ is phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, -CH₂-pyridyl, or (C₁-C₄) hydroxyalkyl, wherein the phenyl portion is optionally substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, -SO₂-(C₁-C₄) alkyl, C₁-C₄ haloalkyl, or C₁-C₄ haloalkoxy; and

R₂₀ and R₂₁, are independently selected from H, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, NH-phenyl, NHphenylalkyl, N(C₁-C₄)alkyl-phenyl, -NHSO₂-phenyl, -N(C₁-C₄alkyl)SO₂phenyl, or -N(C₁-C₄alkyl)phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, wherein the phenyl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy.

Claim 14. (original) A compound according to claim 13, wherein

the A ring is phenyl, naphthyl, thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, dibenzofuranyl, dihydropyrazolyl, benzofuranyl, pyrimidyl, quinazolinyl, or benzo[b]thiophene, each of which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups that are independently, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, CF₃, OCF₃, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, or N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl;

Q is H, phenyl, naphthyl, -phenyl-pyridyl, -phenyl-, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, furanyl, thienyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, -pyridyl-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-phenyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl dioxide, imidazolidinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydrothienyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, halogen, haloalkoxy, haloalkyl, or C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl, wherein the aforementioned cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently alkoxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆

alkoxy, halogen, C₁-C₄ haloalkyl, C₁-C₄ haloalkoxy, NR₆R₇, or phenyl; wherein

R₆ and R₇ are independently H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkanoyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkanoyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy carbonyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkoxy carbonyl, pyridyl carbonyl, furanyl carbonyl, or -SO₂-phenyl, wherein the cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, NO₂, OH, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl or C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy.

Claim 15. (original) A compound according to claim 14, wherein

L₂ is a bond or -C(O)NR₉-, -N(R₉)C(O)-, -N(R₉)SO₂-, -SO₂N(R₉)-, -N(R₉)-, -N(R₉)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl-, or -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-N(R₉)-,

R₉ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, -SO₂phenyl, phenylalkyl, naphthyl-CH₂-, or anthracenyl-CH₂-, wherein the aryl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, haloalkyl, or haloalkoxy;

L₃ is a bond, -(C₁-C₄)alkyl-O-, -O-(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-, C(O);

R₂ is phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl, -CH₂-pyridyl, or C₁-C₆ alkyl wherein the phenyl portion is optionally substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, -SO₂-(C₁-C₄) alkyl, CF₃, or OCF₃;

Q is H, phenyl, naphthyl, -phenyl-pyridyl, -phenyl-, pyridyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, or piperazinyl, wherein the aforementioned cyclic groups are optionally substituted

with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently alkoxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, CF₃, OCF₃, NR₆R₇, or phenyl; wherein R₆ and R₇ are independently H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkanoyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkanoyl, or -SO₂-phenyl, wherein the cyclic groups are optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, NO₂, OH, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl or C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy.

Claim 16. (original) A compound according to claim 15, wherein

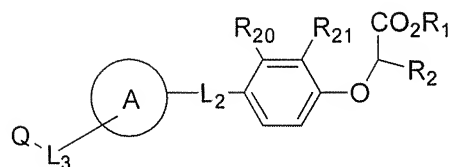
L₃ is a bond;

R₂ is phenyl, benzyl, phenethyl, or C₁-C₆ alkyl wherein the phenyl portion is optionally substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, -SO₂-(C₁-C₄) alkyl, CF₃, or OCF₃;

Q is H, or phenyl, optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently alkoxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, CF₃, OCF₃, NR₆R₇, or phenyl; and

the A ring is phenyl, naphthyl, thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, dihydropyrazolyl, quinazolinyl, and benzo[b]thiophene, each of which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups that are independently, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, CF₃, OCF₃, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, or N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl.

Claim 17. (original) A compound according to claim 11, of the formula



wherein

R₁ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, benzyl, or allyl;

R₂ is phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₄)alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, or (C₁-C₄)

hydroxyalkyl, wherein the phenyl portion is optionally substituted with a total of 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, -SO₂-(C₁-C₄) alkyl, C₁-C₄ haloalkyl, or C₁-C₄ haloalkoxy.

Claim 18. (original) A compound according to claim 17, wherein

the A ring is phenyl, naphthyl, thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, quinolinyl, dihydropyrazolyl, benzofuranyl, pyrimidyl, quinazolinyl, furanyl, or benzo[b]thiophene, each of which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups that are independently, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, C₁-C₆ alkoxy carbonyl, CF₃, OCF₃, CN, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, or N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl; and

R₂₀ and R₂₁, are independently selected from H, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁-C₆)alkyl, N(C₁-C₆)alkyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, NH-phenyl, -N(C₁-C₄alkyl)C(O)phenyl, -NHC(O)phenyl, NHphenylalkyl, N(C₁-C₄)alkyl-phenyl, -NHSO₂-phenyl, -N(C₁-C₄alkyl)SO₂phenyl, or -N(C₁-C₄alkyl)phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, wherein the phenyl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, OH, NO₂, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy.

Claim 19. (original) A compound according to claim 18, wherein

L_2 is a bond or $-C(O)NR_9-$, $-N(R_9)C(O)-$, $-N(R_9)SO_2-$, $-SO_2N(R_9)-$,
 $-N(R_9)-$, $-N(R_9)-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-$, or $-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-N(R_9)-$,
 R_9 is H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, $-SO_2phenyl$, phenylalkyl, naphthyl- CH_2- ,
or anthracenyl- CH_2- , wherein the aryl group is
optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that
are independently C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, halogen,
OH, NO_2 , NH_2 , $NH(C_1-C_6)alkyl$, $N(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl$,
haloalkyl, or haloalkoxy;

L_3 is a bond, $-(C_1-C_4)alkyl-O-$, $-O-(C_1-C_4)alkyl$, $-(C_1-C_4) alkyl-$,
 $C(O)$;

R_2 is phenyl, phenyl(C_1-C_4)alkyl, or C_1-C_6 alkyl wherein the
phenyl portion is optionally substituted with a total of 1,
2, 3, or 4 groups that are independently halogen, C_1-C_4
alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, $-SO_2-(C_1-C_4) alkyl$, CF_3 , or OCF_3 ;

Q is H, phenyl, naphthyl, -phenyl-pyridyl, -phenyl-, pyridyl,
piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, or piperazinyl, wherein the
aforementioned cyclic groups are optionally substituted
with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently
alkoxycarbonyl, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, CF_3 ,
 OCF_3 , NR_6R_7 , or phenyl; wherein

R_6 and R_7 are independently H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, phenyl(C_1-
 C_6)alkyl, C_2-C_6 alkanoyl, phenyl(C_1-C_6)alkanoyl, or $-$
 SO_2 -phenyl, wherein the cyclic groups are optionally
substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups that are
independently halogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, NO_2 ,
OH, NH_2 , $NH(C_1-C_6)alkyl$, $N(C_1-C_6)alkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl$, C_1-C_2
haloalkyl or C_1-C_2 haloalkoxy.

Claim 20. (original) A pharmaceutical composition
comprising a compound according to claim 1 and at least one
pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, solvent, adjuvant or
excipient.

Claim 21. (original) A method of treating diabetes, comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment a pharmaceutically acceptable amount of a compound of claim 1.

Claim 22. (currently amended) A compound according to claim 1 which ~~that~~ is

N-{[4-({[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-methylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl]amino}carbonyl)phenyl]sulfonyl}phenylalanine;

N-({4-[3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-(4-pentylphenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]phenyl}sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;

N-{[4-({[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl]amino}carbonyl)phenyl]sulfonyl}phenylalanine;

N-methyl-N-[(4-{5-(4-pentylphenyl)-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl}phenyl)sulfonyl]phenylalanine;

N-({4-[3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-(4-pentylphenyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]phenyl}sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;

N-methyl-N-[(4-{5-(4-pentylphenyl)-3-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]-1H-pyrazol-1-yl}phenyl)sulfonyl]phenylalanine;

N-({4-[5-(4-butoxyphenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]phenyl}sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;

2-benzyl-4-oxo-4-[3-({[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenyl]butanoic acid;

N-{[4-({[4-(3-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-methylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl]amino}carbonyl)phenyl]sulfonyl}phenylalanine;

N-({4-[5-(4-isopropylphenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]phenyl}sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;

N-{[4-({[4-(3-chloro-4-methylphenyl)-5-(4-methylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl]amino}carbonyl)phenyl]sulfonyl}phenylalanine;

N-{[4-({[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-methylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl]amino}carbonyl)phenyl]sulfonyl}-N-methylphenylalanine;

methyl (2S)-2-[4-((biphenyl-4-ylmethyl){[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenoxy]-3-phenylpropanoate;
 N-([4-([4-(4-bromophenyl)-5-(4-methylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl]amino)carbonyl]phenyl)sulfonyl}phenylalanine;
 N-([4-([4-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-ethylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl]amino)carbonyl]phenyl)sulfonyl}phenylalanine;
 (2S)-2-[4-((biphenyl-4-ylmethyl){[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenoxy]-3-phenylpropanoic acid;
 N-([4-([4,6-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)pyrimidin-2-yl]amino)phenyl)sulfonyl]-N-methyl-L-phenylalanine;
 N-methyl-N-([4-[5-(4-pentylphenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]phenyl)sulfonyl}phenylalanine;
 2-benzyl-4-[4-([2-nitro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenyl]-4-oxobutanoic acid;
 2-[3-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]-4-([4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenoxy]-3-phenylpropanoic acid;
 2-[3-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]-4-([3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenoxy]-3-phenylpropanoic acid;
 (2S)-2-[3-((biphenyl-4-ylmethyl){[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenoxy]-3-phenylpropanoic acid;
 2-[4-([4-(4-bromophenyl)sulfonyl]amino)-3-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]phenoxy]-3-phenylpropanoic acid;
 N-([4-[2-[(4-chlorobenzoyl)amino]-5-(4-ethylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-4-yl]phenyl)sulfonyl]-N-methylphenylalanine
 (2S)-2-[4-((2-naphthylmethyl){[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenoxy]-3-phenylpropanoic acid;
 N-([4-([4-bromo-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]phenyl)sulfonyl]-N-methylphenylalanine;

N-({4-[5-(4-bromophenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]phenyl}sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;
 2-{4-[(4-bromobenzoyl)amino]-3-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]phenoxy}-3-phenylpropanoic acid;
 N-({4-[(6-bromo-4-phenylquinazolin-2-yl)amino]phenyl}sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;
 N-({4-[2-[(cyclopentylacetyl)amino]-5-(4-ethylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-4-yl]phenyl}sulfonyl)-N-methyl-L-phenylalanine;
 N-({4-[2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-ethylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-4-yl]phenyl}sulfonyl)-N-methyl-L-phenylalanine;
 N-({4-[5-(4-ethylphenyl)-2-(6-methoxypyridin-3-yl)-1,3-thiazol-4-yl]phenyl}sulfonyl)-N-methyl-L-phenylalanine;
 2-(3-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]-4-[[4-chloro-3-nitrophenyl)sulfonyl]amino)phenoxy)-3-phenylpropanoic acid;
 N-[(4-{4-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-methylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl}amino)phenyl)sulfonyl]-N-methyl-L-phenylalanine;
 2-[3-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]-4-([5-(dimethylamino)-1-naphthyl)sulfonyl]amino)phenoxy]-3-phenylpropanoic acid;
 2-(3-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]-4-[(5-chloro-3-methyl-1-benzothien-2-yl)sulfonyl]amino)phenoxy)-3-phenylpropanoic acid;
 2-benzyl-4-[3-((2-naphthylmethyl){4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl}sulfonyl)amino]phenyl]-4-oxobutanoic acid;
 N-[(4-{3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazol-1-yl}phenyl)sulfonyl]-N-methylphenylalanine;
 N-({4-[3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-ethylphenyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]phenyl}sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;
 N-[(4-{4-bromo-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazol-1-yl}phenyl)sulfonyl]-N-methylphenylalanine;
 N-({4-[4-bromo-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-ethylphenyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]phenyl}sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;
 N-({4-[5-(4-bromophenyl)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]phenyl}sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;

N-({4-[3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-pentylphenyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]phenyl}sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;
 N-({4-[4-bromo-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-pentylphenyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]phenyl}sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;
 2-{4-[(4-bromo-3-fluorophenyl)sulfonyl]amino}-3-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]phenoxy}-3-phenylpropanoic acid;
 2-{4-[(4-bromo-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfonyl]amino}-3-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]phenoxy}-3-phenylpropanoic acid;
 2-benzyl-4-[3-((biphenyl-4-ylmethyl){4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl}sulfonyl)amino]phenyl]-4-oxobutanoic acid;
 2-{4-[(4-bromo-2-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)sulfonyl]amino}-3-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]phenoxy}-3-phenylpropanoic acid;
 2-(3-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]-4-[(3,4-dichlorophenyl)sulfonyl]amino)phenoxy}-3-phenylpropanoic acid;
 diallyl {2-oxo-2-[4-[(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)sulfonyl]amino)phenyl]ethyl}[4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]malonate;
 N-({4-[(6-isopropyl-4-phenylquinazolin-2-yl)amino]phenyl}sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;
 N-({4-[5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(4-ethylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-4-yl]phenyl}sulfonyl)-N-ethyl-L-phenylalanine;
 N-({4-[5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(4-ethylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-4-yl]phenyl}sulfonyl)phenylalanine;
 N-({4-[2,5-bis(4-ethylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-4-yl]phenyl}sulfonyl)phenylalanine;
 2-(3-[(4-butylphenyl)amino]-4-[(3,4-dibromophenyl)sulfonyl]amino)phenoxy}-3-phenylpropanoic acid;
 2-benzyl-4-(4-[(4-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl][(3,4-dichlorophenyl)sulfonyl]amino)phenyl)-4-oxobutanoic acid;
 methyl 2-benzyl-4-(3-((biphenyl-4-ylmethyl){3,4-dichlorophenyl}sulfonyl]amino)phenyl)-4-oxobutanoate;
 methyl 2-benzyl-4-(3-[(3,4-dichlorobenzyl){3,4-dichlorophenyl}sulfonyl]amino)phenyl)-4-oxobutanoate;

methyl 2-benzyl-4-{3-[4-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl] (2-naphthylsulfonyl) amino}phenyl}-4-oxobutanoate;
 methyl 2-benzyl-4-{3-[(biphenyl-4-ylmethyl) (2-naphthylsulfonyl) amino}phenyl}-4-oxobutanoate;
 2-benzyl-4-{3-[(biphenyl-4-ylmethyl) (2-naphthylsulfonyl) amino}phenyl}-4-oxobutanoic acid;
 2-(3-[(4-bromophenyl) amino]-4-{[(4-butylphenyl) sulfonyl] amino}phenoxy)-3-phenylpropanoic acid;
 methyl 2-benzyl-4-{3-[(2-naphthylmethyl) (2-naphthylsulfonyl) amino}phenyl}-4-oxobutanoate;
 2-benzyl-4-{3-[(2-naphthylmethyl) (2-naphthylsulfonyl) amino}phenyl}-4-oxobutanoic acid;
 4-{3-[(2-anthrylsulfonyl) (2-naphthylmethyl) amino}phenyl}-2-benzyl-4-oxobutanoic acid;
 methyl 2-benzyl-4-{3-[[4-(dimethylamino)-3-fluorophenyl] sulfonyl] (2-naphthylmethyl) amino}phenyl}-4-oxobutanoate;
 methyl 2-benzyl-4-[3-([4-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl] {4-(dimethylamino)-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl] sulfonyl) amino}phenyl]-4-oxobutanoate;
 methyl 2-benzyl-4-{3-[[4-(dimethylamino)-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl] sulfonyl] (2-naphthylmethyl) amino}phenyl}-4-oxobutanoate;
 2-benzyl-4-[3-([4-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl] {4-(dimethylamino)-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl] sulfonyl) amino}phenyl]-4-oxobutanoic acid;
 methyl 2-benzyl-4-(3-{[4-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl] [(3,4-difluorophenyl) sulfonyl] amino}phenyl)-4-oxobutanoate;
 methyl 2-benzyl-4-[3-([4-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl] {4-(dimethylamino)-3-fluorophenyl] sulfonyl) amino}phenyl]-4-oxobutanoate;
 (2S)-2-[4-([4-(methoxycarbonyl)benzyl] {4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl] sulfonyl) amino}phenoxy]-3-phenylpropanoic acid;

2-benzyl-4-oxo-4-[4-({[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenyl] butanoic acid;

2-[3-[(4-butylphenyl) amino]-4-({[2-nitro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenoxy]-3-phenylpropanoic acid;

N-{[4-[(4-butylphenyl) amino]-3-({[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenyl] sulfonyl}-N-methyl-L-phenylalanine;

benzyl (2S)-2-[4-({[5-nitro-2-furyl)methyl]{[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenoxy]-3-phenylpropanoate;

(2R)-2-[4-({[4-chloro-2-(trifluoromethyl)quinolin-5-yl)methyl]{[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenoxy]-3-phenylpropanoic acid;

2-(4-[(4-butylphenyl) amino]-3-{[4-(trifluoromethoxy)benzoyl]amino}phenoxy)-3-phenylpropanoic acid;

2-(3-[(4-butylphenyl) amino]-4-{[(4-chlorophenyl) sulfonyl]amino}phenoxy)-3-phenylpropanoic acid;

N-({[4-[(6-bromo-4-phenylquinazolin-2-yl) (carboxymethyl) amino]phenyl]sulfonyl)-N-methylphenylalanine;

2-(3-[(4-butylphenyl) amino]-4-({[3-cyano-4-fluorophenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenoxy)-3-phenylpropanoic acid;

4-[4-((4-chlorobenzyl){[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenyl]-4-oxo-2-(pyridin-3-ylmethyl)butanoic acid;

2-benzyl-4-[4-((biphenyl-4-ylmethyl){[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]sulfonyl}amino)phenyl]-4-oxobutanoic acid;

2-benzyl-4-{4-[({[4-methoxy-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]sulfonyl}(1-naphthylmethyl)amino)phenyl]-4-oxobutanoic acid;

2-benzyl-4-(4-{[(3,4-dichlorophenyl) sulfonyl] [4-(trifluoromethoxy)benzyl]amino}phenyl)-4-oxobutanoic acid;

2-benzyl-4-(4-{[4-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl] [(3-fluoro-4-methoxyphenyl) sulfonyl]amino}phenyl)-4-oxobutanoic acid;

methyl 2-benzyl-4-{3-[(3,4-dichlorophenyl) sulfonyl] (2-naphthylmethyl) amino}phenyl]-4-oxobutanoate;

methyl 2-benzyl-4-(3-{[4-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl][(3,4-dichlorophenyl)sulfonyl]amino}phenyl)-4-oxobutanoate;
 2-benzyl-4-(3-{[4-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl][(3,4-dichlorophenyl)sulfonyl]amino}phenyl)-4-oxobutanoic acid;
 2-benzyl-4-(3-{(biphenyl-4-ylmethyl)[(3,4-dichlorophenyl)sulfonyl]amino}phenyl)-4-oxobutanoic acid;
 methyl 4-(3-{(4-benzoylbenzyl)[(3,4-dichlorophenyl)sulfonyl]amino}phenyl)-2-benzyl-4-oxobutanoate;
 2-benzyl-4-{3-[[(3,4-dichlorophenyl)sulfonyl] (4-isopropylbenzyl) amino]phenyl}-4-oxobutanoic acid;
 4-(4-dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-ylphenyl)-4-oxo-2-[3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]butanoic acid;
 2-benzyl-4-{3-[[4-methoxy-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]sulfonyl] (2-naphthylmethyl) amino]phenyl}-4-oxobutanoic acid;
 methyl 2-benzyl-4-{3-[[(3,4-difluorophenyl)sulfonyl] (2-naphthylmethyl) amino]phenyl}-4-oxobutanoate;
 N-{[4-(2-bromo-5-dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-yl-1,3-thiazol-4-yl)phenyl]sulfonyl}phenylalanine;
 N-{[4-(5-bromo-2-dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-yl-1,3-thiazol-4-yl)phenyl]sulfonyl}phenylalanine;
 2-{4-[4-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-5-p-tolyl-thiazol-2-ylcarbamoyl]-benzenesulfonylamino}-3-phenyl-propionic acid;
 2-{4-[4-(3-Chloro-phenyl)-5-p-tolyl-thiazol-2-ylcarbamoyl]-benzenesulfonylamino}-3-phenyl-propionic acid;
 2-{4-[4-(2-Chloro-phenyl)-5-p-tolyl-thiazol-2-ylcarbamoyl]-benzenesulfonylamino}-3-phenyl-propionic acid;
 2-({4-[4-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-5-p-tolyl-thiazol-2-ylcarbamoyl]-benzenesulfonyl}-methyl-amino)-3-phenyl-propionic acid;
 2-({4-[2-(2-Cyclopentyl-acetylamino)-5-(4-ethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-benzenesulfonyl}-methyl-amino)-3-phenyl-propionic acid;
 2-({4-[2-(4-Chloro-benzoylamino)-5-(4-ethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-benzenesulfonyl}-methyl-amino)-3-phenyl-propionic acid;
 2-({4-[4-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-5-p-tolyl-thiazol-2-ylamino]-benzenesulfonyl}-methyl-amino)-3-phenyl-propionic acid;

2-({4-[5-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-2-(4-ethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-benzenesulfonyl}-ethyl-amino)-3-phenyl-propionic acid;

2-{4-[5-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-2-(4-ethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-benzenesulfonylamino}-3-phenyl-propionic acid;

2-({4-[2-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-5-(6-methoxy-pyridin-3-yl)-thiazol-4-yl]-benzenesulfonyl}-ethyl-amino)-3-phenyl-propionic acid;

2-[4-(5-Bromo-2-dibenzofuran-4-yl-thiazol-4-yl)-benzenesulfonylamino]-3-phenyl-propionic acid

2-[4-(2-Dibenzofuran-4-yl-thiazol-4-yl)-benzenesulfonylamino]-3-phenyl-propionic acid

(4-{2-[(8-Chloro-dibenzofuran-4-carbonyl)-amino]-5-ethyl-thiazol-4-yl}-phenoxy)-phenyl-acetic acid

[4-(2-Benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl-5-ethyl-thiazol-4-yl)-phenoxy]-phenyl-acetic acid

[4-(2-Dibenzofuran-4-yl-5-ethyl-thiazol-4-yl)-phenoxy]-phenyl-acetic acid; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.